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Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General[1] on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[2] decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a Depositary Notification[3] dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 17 December 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations (see annex).

* E/2011/2.

[1] E/2009/78.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

[3] C.N.474.2009.TREATIES.3.

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Annex

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Note verbale dated 17 December 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council

The Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council and has the honour to transmit herewith the letter dated 1 December 2010 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Ms. María Angela Holguín Cuellar, to the President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Hamidon Ali, regarding the proposal submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia with reference to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 (see enclosure).

Enclosure

[Original: Spanish]

Letter dated 1 December 2010 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia to the President of the Economic and Social Council

I have the honour to address you, in your capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, in order to convey to the Council the position of the Government of Colombia regarding the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to delete article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961.

In that regard, the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2009/250, adopted at its 44th plenary meeting on 30 July 2009, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, decided to initiate the procedures established in article 47, paragraph 1 (b) of the Convention.

In that connection, the Government of Colombia, under the terms of article 47, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, rejects the proposed amendment to the Convention submitted by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

(*Signed*) María Angela **Holguín Cuéllar**
Minister for Foreign Affairs